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Applicant : Dean G. Rosenberg, et al.

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INTERFACE

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

In his June 4, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner required that the Applicant elect one of seven species of claims identified by the Examiner. The species identified by the Examiner are: (Group I, claims 1-5), (Group II, claims 6-7), (Group III, claims 8-11), (Group IV, claims 12-15), (Group V, claims 16-18), (Group VI, claims 19-22), (Group VII, claims 23-25), and (Group VII, claims 26 and 27).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I, claims 1-5, for further prosecution in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the required election of one species as indicated in the present Office Action.